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IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM, AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION APPARATUS, FOR EXTRACTING A PATH FOLLOWING A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE IN AN IMAGE

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